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1. **Course Number:** ENL217  
**Course Title:** Exploring the World of Science Fiction
2. **Description:** Exploring the World of Science Fiction is course that provides students the opportunity to read, discuss and write about the genre of science fiction in literature. Texts include short stories, poetry, novels, film, and nonfiction. Emphasis is given to reading and analysis of the genre of science fiction and its influence on society and literature.
3. **Student Learning Outcomes:** Upon successful completion of this course, students are able to do the following:
  - Read, write and discuss in Standard American English the genre of science fiction and its themes
  - Analyze skills in discussion and researched writing by closely examining short stories, poetry, novels, film, and non-fiction analysis of the genre of science fiction
  - Demonstrate understanding of the influence of the genre of science fiction on society and the literary canon
  - Connect the themes contained in the genre of science fiction to society and other works of literature with emphasis on ethical choices
  - Demonstrate understanding of the influence of the genre of science fiction in multi-cultural contexts
  - Evaluate research materials for validity and appropriate application to selected texts
  - Engage in sustained inquiry of the themes present in the genre of science fiction in MLA-documented research
  - Present organized, focused research with appropriate technological support
4. **Credits:** 3 credits
5. **Satisfies General Education Requirement:** Humanities and Fine Arts
6. **Prerequisites:** ENL102
7. **Semester Offered:** Spring (even years)
8. **Suggested General Guidelines for Evaluation:** The final grade will be based on written responses to assigned readings, class discussion and participation, group work, presentations, and/or research paper(s) processed in MLA format. Student work is evaluated on clarity, depth of understanding and knowledge, critical evaluation of source materials, and appropriate, effective communication. This is a rigorous reading/writing course.
9. **General Topical Outline:**
  - Introduction and definition of the genre of science fiction and its themes
  - Exploration and analysis of the genre of science fiction and its themes
  - Historical contexts of the genre of science fiction and its themes
  - Social and historical impact of the genre of science fiction and its themes
  - Analysis of literary elements in the genre of science fiction and its themes